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CAPTIVE NATIONS RESOLUTION

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(TEXT) ZYCIE WARSZAWY PUBLISHES A COMMENTARY, ENTITLED "WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT," REGARDING THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS AND SIGNED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ON THE SO-CALLED CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK.

THE COMMENTARY STATES IN PART: "PUBLIC OPINION IN OUR COUNTRY, VIVIDLY RECALLING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LAST 15 YEARS, IS GREATLY SURPRISED AND ASTONISHED BY THE INITIATION OF THESE CELEBRATIONS--WHICH ARE PECULIAR, TO SAY THE LEAST--BY A GROUP OF AMERICAN POLITICIANS, PARTISANS OF THE COLD WAR.

WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLUTION BRANDS AS "CAPTIVE" THOSE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH ONLY AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR GAINED FOR THEMSELVES THE NAME OF TRULY FREE STATES AS MEMBERS OF THE POWERFUL SOCIALIST FAMILY, WHICH IS PRECISELY THE GUARANTEE OF THEIR EXISTENCE AS INDEPENDENT STATES.

WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THIS INITIATIVE OF A GROUP OF AMERICAN POLITICIANS COMES AT A TIME WHEN MANY NEW ELEMENTS ARE APPEARING IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, DURING THE GENEVA FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE AND DURING LIVELY CONTACTS BETWEEN LEADING PERSONALITIES OF THE USSR AND UNITED STATES, WHICH BRIGHTEN HOPES FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN THESE RELATIONS.

THE POLISH PUBLIC, UPON BEING INFORMED OF THE ACTION OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, CAN ONLY ASK: WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? WHOSE INTERESTS WILL BE SERVED BY THIS COLD WAR ACT? CERTAINLY NOT THE INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN NATION WHICH, LIKE THE OTHER NATIONS, IS INTERESTED IN PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, POLAND ACTIVELY SUPPORTS THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF THE EAST AND WEST. IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN SPITE OF ALL DIFFICULTIES. THE POLISH PUBLIC BELIEVES AND EXPECTS THAT WESTERN AND AMERICAN CIRCLES WHICH ARE GUIDED BY COMMON SENSE WILL BE ABLE TO EXERT THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE DIMINISHING NUMBER OF THOSE WHO STILL WANT TO HINDER PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS.

